

*List of the Books contained in Chand's poem, the Prithirāja Rāso.—By  
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I receive so many letters from enquirers in various parts of India asking for information as to whether this or that poem is to be found in the genuine works of Chand, that I conceive the Society would be doing a favour to scholars in publishing the following accurate list in supersession of some defective and inaccurate list previously made public.

There are in circulation in some parts of India scraps of bardic poems all of which are dignified by the name of Chand. Some of these are apparently extracts from the real work, others are by entirely different authors.

Five MSS. may be taken to be genuine ;—

1. The Baidla.
2. Colonel Tod's, R. A. Socy.
3. Colonel Caulfield's, do.
4. The Bodleian.
5. The Agra College.

All these five I have seen, and compared the headings of the chapters in each ; with very few and trifling exceptions they all agree in this respect, and we may, therefore, on their authority pronounce the following list to be correct, and may reject, or at least look with suspicion on, all fragments of old Hindī rhapsodies which do not find a place in it. If genuine, they are at any rate not "canonical." I give a brief note of the contents of those *prastavas* which I have read, of the rest merely the names and number of *kavitts* are given.

1. **Adi Parva.** 401 *kavitts*.\* *Invocations, legends of early sages, the origin of the Chauhán race, their genealogy, birth of Prithiráj.*

2. **Da'sama.** 220k. *Poems on the ten avatárs of Vishnu.*

3. **Dī'li'ki'li' katha'.** 39k. *Story of the iron pillar.*

4. **Aja'nva'h.** 18k. 166 lines also called *Lohána Ajánváhu.*

5. **Kanhapatti.** 64k. also called *Kanhákhapatti.* *Kanh the Chauhán kills Pratáp Singh the Cháluk in open darbár, because he twisted his moustache. Prithiraj compels him to wear a bandage over his eyes in darbár ; hence the name of the book.*

6. **A'khetak bir.** 113k. *Marvellous story of a hunting expedition in which Chand sees Siva and gets a blessing from him.*

7. **Na'har Rai.** 118k. *Fight with Nahar Rái.*

8. **Mewa'ti Mugal.** 45k. *Fight with the Mewátis.*

\* Each *kavitt*, or *chhand*, contains generally about 30 lines, except *Sáthak*, *dohá* and one or two peculiar and rarely used metres, which seldom exceed 8 lines each.

9. **Husen Katha.** 94k. Battle with Shahábuddín, who came after Husen Khán, one of his chiefs, who had taken refuge with Prithiráj. Shaháb is captured, but released, Husen slain.

10. **A'khet Chu'k.** 30k. Shaháb attacks Prithiráj when out hunting, with very few attendants, but is defeated.

11. **Chitrarekha'.** 17k. Story of Chitrarekhá, the Gakkhar princess, who was the *causa belli* between Shaháb and Husen Khán in Bk. 9. She was the Sháh's concubine and Husen ran away with her.

12. **Bhola Rai'.** 285k. War with Bholá Rai of Gujarát.

13. **Salakh Judh.** 94k. Salakh takes the Sultán captive, he is released.

14. **Inehhini' Vyah.** 118k. Prithiráj's marriage with Inehhiní.

15. **Mugal Judh.** 20k. Battle with the Mughals.

16. **Da'himi Vya'h.** 16k. Marriage with Dáhimi, daughter of Chand Sen, the Pundír.

17. **Bhu'mi Swapan.** 47k.

18. **Dillida'n.** 47. Gift of the kingdom of Dilli to Prithiráj by his grandfather Anangapál, the Tuar.

19. **Ma'dho Bha't.** 113k. Visit of Madho the Bhat, fresh attack by the Sultan Shahábuddín; he is captured and let go again on paying a fine in accordance with Rájput custom.

20. **Padma'vati Vya'h.** 46k. Already translated by me in J. A. S. B. I reckoned it as the 19th book, but it is the 20th. In Tod's copy, the Akhet bir is not counted. This omission makes all the numbering of the chapters wrong by one throughout.

21. **Alha' Udal.** Also called Prithiráj rāso, a name differing from Prithiráj rāso, but often erroneously applied to the whole poem; it is also called Mahobasamyas, 308 kavits; occupies 52 quarto pages. The longest but one of all the chapters.

Relates the war with Parimál, the Chandel King of Mahobá, in which he was assisted by the two heroes Alhá and Udal of the Banáphar clan.

22. **Pritha Vya'h.** 99k. Marriage of Prithá, sister of Prithiráj with Samar Singh, Rájá of Chittrakot.

23. **Holi Katha'.** 22. Short kavitts. Description of the Holi festival, the origin of which is attributed to Siva's gift to a female devotee, contrary to the modern Vaishnava theory.

24. **Dí'pma'l Katha'.** 35k. Legendary origin of the Dípmála or Dewáli festival.

25. **Dhan Katha'.** 314k. Prithiráj finds a treasure in the Khaṭṭu forest. While digging it up, is attacked by the Sultan whom, as usual, he captures and releases.

26. *Sa'sibrata'*. 542k. Abduction of Sasibrata, daughter of the Rájá of Deogiri, by Prithiráj, and war with Jayehand of Kanauj in consequence.

27. *Devagiri*. 64k. Siege of Deogiri by Jayehand and his ultimate defeat by Chamand Rái, one of Prithiráj's generals.

28. *Rewa'tata*. 96k. Battle with the Sultán on the banks of the Rewá.

29. *Anangpál*. 98k. Anangpál returns to Dilli, but after a short stay returns to Badrináth. (He wanted to get the kingdom back again from Prithiráj, but failed).

30. *Ghagharki lara'i*. 48k. Battle with the Sháh at the Ghaghar river (Daradwati, near Ambala).

31. *Karnati Patra*. 23k. Prithiráj goes to the "Karnáta des" in the south.

32. *Pi'pa' Judh*. 72k.

33. *Indra'vati Vya'h*. 70k. Also called "Samar Si Rájá."

33. (34) *Indra'vati Vya'h*. 60k. A second book with the same name as the preceding, but with separate heading and ending.

34. (35) *Jait Rao Judh*. 36k. The Sultán surprises Prithiráj while hunting; Jait Rao seizes him (they are always doing this).

35. (36) *Ka'ngura'*. 32k. Prithiráj takes the hill fort of Kángurá (Kángará?)

36. (37) *Hansa'vati Vya'h*. 155k. Marriage with Hansávati.

37. (38) *Pa'har Ra'i*. 71k.

38. (39) *Barun Katha'*. 33k.

39. (40) *Somesar badh*. 88k. Death of Somesar, Prithiráj's father, (killed by Bholá Bhím of Gujarát).

40. (41) *Pajjun chhonga'na'*. 17k.

41. (42) *Pajjun chalukya*. 29k.

42. (43) *Chand Dwa'rika'*. 59k. Chand's pilgrimage to Dwáriká.

43. (44) *Kaima's Judh*. 79k. Kaimás, one of Prithiráj's generals, seizes the Sultán in the Khaṭṭu forest.

44. (45) *Bhím Badh*. 148k. Prithiráj kills Bholá Rái Bhimang, the Chalukya Rájá of Gujarát, who had killed his father Somesar.

45. (46) *Vinaya Mangal*. 188k. In two parts. 1st of 142 kavitts, relates the previous birth of Sanyogita. 2nd in 86k. her penance.

46. (47) *Suk varnan*. 78k.

47. (48) *Ba'luka' Rai*. 119k.

48. (49) *Panga Jagya vidhwansa*. 20k.

49. (50) *Sanjogita nem*. Sanjogitá's vow to marry Prithiráj.

50. (51) *Hansi Judh*. 203k. In two parts, 1st, *pratham judh*, 90k.; 2nd, *dwitiyajudh*, 113k.

51. (52) *Pajju'n mahuba*. 23k.

52. (53) Pajjun Pa'tisa'h Judh. 34k. Sultán gets caught again for the twentieth time or so ; as he is always released again, it does not much matter.

53. (54) Sa'mant Panga Judh. 25k.

54. (55) Samar Panga Judh. 62k. Fight of Jaichand Rao with Samar Si.

55. (56) Kaima's Badh. 186k. Death of Kaimás.

56. (57) Durga' Keda'r. 168k. Sultán gets taken again.

57. (58) Dilli varnan. 17k.

58. (59) Jangam Katha'. 7k. At end "jangam sophí kathá."

59. (60) Kanavajja Judh. 1455 kavitts. Prithiráj's war with Rájá Jay Chand of Kanauj. The longest book in the whole poem, 121 quarto pages.

60. (61) S'uk charitra. 102k. Interlude.

61. (62) Akhhet chakh s'ra'p. 118k.

62. (63) Dhi'r Pundi'r. 312k. Exploits of Dhír, the Pundír ; takes the Sultán again, and again lets him go—for the last time.

63. (64) Bibah Samyo. 3k. List of Prithiráj's wives.

64. (65) Bari' lara'i. 937k. The great battle in which Prithiráj was taken.

65. (66) Ba'n bedh. 363k. Events following the battle. Chand's search for Prithiráj. Conversation with the Sultán. Death of Prithiráj (I have not read the book through, but there seem to be many historical facts in it. It is worth special attention. I think I make out that Chand goes to Ghazni to seek for Prithiráj, but am not sure without fuller perusal.)

66. (67) Rayan Si. 116k. Náráyan Singh (familiarly Rayan Si), son of Prithiráj is duly crowned king, but is soon after killed, and Dilli sacked and everything comes to an end.

67. (68) 3k. Three supplementary kavitts about the poem itself.

68. (69) Birbhadra. 8k. A short supplementary chapter.

The full number of 69 books is made up by counting the two parts of book 33 separately as 33 and 34. I have indicated this method of counting by the figures in brackets.